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Naoki KUWATA

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND MEDIUM  
HAVING AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Japanese Office Action dated October 1, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-178179.
2. Japanese Office Action dated October 1, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-180777.
3. Japanese Office Action dated October 18, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-182370.
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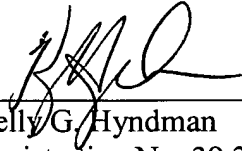
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